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FISHERY RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fishery Research Institute at Burla in Orissa has been closed down;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor indicating the date since when it has been closed down;

(c) whether there is any proposal to revive the said Institute; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Centre is in the process of closure.

(b) The Burla Centre of Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), was established in 1963 in Burla, district Sambalpur, Orissa State for studying the harvest and post-harvest technology of fish in the Hirakud reservoir in Orissa. The centre has conducted studies on the harvest and post-harvest technology of fish in that region for the last four decades. Generally, a Centre to work on reservoir fisheries is not permanently located in one place and has to attend to the problems of different reservoirs so that technologies developed by ICAR are made available to other parts of the country. Earlier also, the Nangal Centre of CIFT, established in 1964 was closed in 1970 after completing the work as also those at Goa and Chennai.

During X Plan, in view of the approval of Expenditure Finance Committee for merging/ shifting of Burla Centre, for consolidation of research efforts, it was decided to close the Centre since the objectives for which the Centre was created, have been accomplished. The main consideration for such decision of closing/shifting of the Centre are present research relevance, proper utilization of scientists and associated manpower, avoidance of duplication of research efforts and strengthening of Headquarters for strategic and applied research. The Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) has issued order for closing down the Centre on 21st April, 2007.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.